



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

JEFFREY ROWSE, R.N.
License # NO 11827200

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. The Board filed a consent order of December 15, 2011, requiring respondent to document completion of a Board-approved continuing education course in critical thinking within six months of the filing of the Order.
3. On or about November 26, 2012, respondent was asked to provide certificates of completion for all nursing continuing education completed since May 31, 2008.

4. Respondent provided documentation of having completed fifty five (55) contact hours of nursing continuing education during the 2008-2010 renewal period, but did not demonstrate any contact hours of continuing education completed during the 2010-2012 renewal period.

5. Respondent did not demonstrate completion of any continuing education course in critical thinking, either approved by the Board or otherwise.

6. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, respondent is required to demonstrate completion of a minimum of thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education at each renewal, and is only permitted to carry a maximum of fifteen (15) contact from one renewal period to another.

7. Respondent indicated on his 2012 renewal application that he would have completed the required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period by May 31, 2012. (Exhibit D) This was not accurate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to document completion of a Board-approved course in critical thinking within six months of the filing of the 2011 order constitutes a violation of a Board order in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

2. Respondent's failure to timely complete the continuing education requirements for the 2010-2012 renewal period constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

3. Respondent's indication on his 2012 renewal application that he would have completed his continuing education obligation for the 2010-2012 renewal period by May 31, 2012 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on April 8, 2013, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and provisionally imposing a reprimand, and a total of \$750.00 in civil penalties. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at his address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for, and the regular mailing was not returned, no response has been received to date. The Board found that as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board, service had been effected. The Board further found that inasmuch as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7th day of June, 2013,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until he can demonstrate that he has successfully completed a Board-approved continuing education course in critical thinking, as well as a minimum of fifteen (15) contact hours of eligible continuing education in satisfaction of the renewal requirements for 2012.

2. A reprimand is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

3. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 is hereby imposed for the violation of a Board order pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 is imposed for the failure to timely complete continuing education requirements in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, for a total penalty amount of \$750.00. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, within fifteen days of the filing of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President